

United States Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR LAKES, RESERVOIRS, AND RIVERS

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the lakes, reservoirs, and rivers as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area), within the Tonto National Forest, Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Camping on any body of water for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in a thirty-day period. 36 CFR 261.58(a)
2. Using a Forest Service courtesy dock except for boating ingress, egress, loading, unloading, and temporary docking not to exceed one hour duration. 36 CFR 261.58(b)
3. Possessing or operating a motorboat in violation of state laws regulating the use of watercraft. 36 CFR 261.58(n)

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 5, Chapter 3, “Boating and Water Sports”, entire.

4. Possessing or operating a motorboat which is larger than allowed. 36 CFR 261.58(n)

Roosevelt Lake: No greater than 75 feet in total length.

All other Lakes and Reservoirs: No greater than 55 feet in total length.

5. Possessing or operating a motorboat on the Salt or Verde Rivers. 36 CFR 261.58(n)
6. Possessing or operating a motorboat while towing any parasailing or parascending device. 36 CFR 261.58(n)

Exception: Roosevelt Lake.

7. Storing or leaving a boat or raft except at a marina or other area designated by the Forest Service. 36 CFR 261.58(p)
8. Storing or leaving a boat or raft after 10:00 PM and before 6:00 AM at any developed recreation site designated for day-use only. 36 CFR 261.58(p)
9. Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up any material, supplies, or person by means of an aircraft, including a helicopter, on any body of water. 36 CFR 261.58(y)

Exception: Roosevelt Lake.

10. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by State law, as specified below. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

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Possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage while operating a motorboat or personal watercraft.

**SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this order, the term “motorboat” shall have the same definition as found at ARS 5-301. Additionally, any motor vehicle designed to be amphibious in its operation and operated within or upon the waters of the Tonto National Forest shall be deemed a motorboat in the application of these restrictions.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED**

The restricted area includes all waters within the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest capable of supporting watercraft are affected by this Order. These waters, generally identified as lakes, reservoirs, and rivers are depicted in Exhibit A.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors and employees in areas of watercraft use associated with National Forest recreational purposes; and to avoid user conflicts that are likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.

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3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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